the arrangements can certainly be made in the Ministry of Railways but then impartiality of inquiry should amply be demonstrated to the whole country. The Commissioner of Railway Safety has been kept outside the purview of the Ministry of Railways, just to heighten the credibility of inquiry.

[English]

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: *Has it come to the notice of his Ministry that sometimes it is so happening that the railway driver is made to* work for nearly 24 hours and sometimes even more from signing off to signing on and that because of the fatigue, sometimes it leads to some accident? In view of these facts, will his Ministry issue suitable instructions so that the railway drivers are not subjected to such fatigues and strictly adhere to eight-hour work schedule?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: The findings are presented from time to time. The Railway Ministry should take note of these findings. That is what we expect. But as far as 24-hour working is concerned, I think, it is for the Railway Minister to answer that.

[Translation]

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to know from the hon. Minister, whether it is correct that the Commissioner of Railway Safety suggested to the Department for the renewal of the railway track from Nagda to Ratlam on Western Railway because of its dilapidated state and if so, then what action has been taken thereon?

MR. SPEAKER: No, Mr. Joshi, it is a separate question.

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, report of the Commissioner of Railway Safety mentions...

MR. SPEAKER: No, Mr. Joshi. There is one other organisation for railway safety and when accident takes place, that organisation conducts an inquiry into the causes of accident. That is why your question is not concerned with it.

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, due to overageing of railway track, train accidents occur every now and then. I would like to know what remedial steps are being taken by Government to improve this section of Western Railway.

[English]

SHRI M.O.H. FAROOK: I do not think we have any answer for that.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

Nainpur divisional office

*468. *SHRI MOHAN LAL JHIKRAM:* Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether full staff has been provided in the office of Assistant Divisional Railway Manager at Nainpur, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the recent rail accident near Shikara was on account of inadequate staff in Nainpur; and

(c) the time by which adequate staff is likely to be given to that office?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. Three ministerial staff and one Group 'D' staff has been provided for the office of Additional Divisional Railway Manager at Nainpur.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Appraisal of functioning of department of non-conventional energy sources

*469. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "CAG raps DNES on expenditure" apearing in the Hindustan Times dated July 22, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the number of officials found guilty in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be